

The Asia Foundation
Gainful Employment Opportunities for Girls at Risk of Trafficking and
Trafficking Survivors
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PROGRESS REPORT
April - June 2005

Summary of Program Activities in Current Reporting Period:

- **Training and placement**
- **Monitoring**

Training and placement

ABC Nepal trained 229 girls in various vocations, including cooking, baking, driving, community health work, embroidery, and paper bag production. Some other participants were provided with seed money to start enterprises like bakeries, embroidery stores, and medical shops. Meetings with various industrialists and business owners were held in April to identify placement opportunities for some of the trainees. Of the 229 girls trained, 135 have been placed or have started their own enterprises: a success rate of 59 percent. ABC is regularly following up with girls who are employed in nursing homes, the hospitality industry, and driving Safa tempos.

Nepal Rugmark Foundation removed and trained 187 girls from carpet factories, of which 165 have been employed as auto mechanics, welders, and screen printers among others. The placement success rate of 88 percent clearly demonstrates the viability of training women/girls in traditionally male-dominated vocations.

Maiti Nepal trained 51 girls, including 20 trafficking survivors. Of these, 26 were placed in jobs and 15 became self-employed operating snack shops, bakeries, and beauty parlors: achieving a placement rate of 80 percent.

WEAN Banke trained a total of 75 girls. Fifty of these girls also received refresher training in the second year on producing cosmetics (tika, nail polish), banana fibre, and food products (papad). Of these, 34 are continuing production as self-employed entrepreneurs. The placement rate of 45 percent over a period of two years indicates the waning popularity of traditional, home-based vocations.

Of the 537 girls and young women trained under the referenced project, 375 girls (70%) were placed in jobs or were supported in starting their own enterprises. The project target was 60 percent. Eleven other participants are undergoing on-the-job training while two are completing higher secondary studies. Partner NGOs are continuing their efforts to coordinate placement for the remaining trainees. The table below summarizes training and placement status as of June 23, 2005:

Vocation	Trained	Placed or Self-employed	Rate of Success (%)	Ongoing
Beautician	16	13	81	
Hotel industry	82	68	83	
Carpentry	4	4	25	Training (3)
Floriculture/gardening	10	7	70	
Computer	22	14	64	
Driving	46	25	54	
Community health worker	31	12	39	On-the-job (9) Studies (2)
Offset printing	53	38	74	
Advanced sewing/ embroidery	112	98	86	
Paper bag production	36	15	42	
General/Auto mechanic	27	24	89	
Handicraft/knitting/letter art	23	23	100	
Cosmetic products	30	20	67	
Agro/food products	45	14	31	
Dropouts before training	(5)			
TOTAL	537	375	70	11

Monitoring

TAF Program Officer Pankaja Bhattarai conducted regular monthly visits to ABC Nepal, Maiti Nepal, and Nepal Rugmark Foundation to monitor progress. On May 4, representatives from USAID Nepal (Mr. Von Millard, Mr. Chanmugam, and Ms. Singh) visited Maiti Nepal's prevention home, and interacted with project trainees. They also visited a local bakery shop that employs two trainees and a tailoring unit set up by trainees in Hetauda.